



Enchanted Tales: Elves, Shoemakers, and Magical Mischief

1. The Helpful Little Elves and the Shoemaker

Once, a kind shoemaker had only enough leather for one pair of shoes. He cut the leather and went to bed. The next morning, he found a beautifully made pair of shoes on his table! A buyer paid well for them, and the shoemaker could buy more leather. This kept happening, and the shoemaker became rich.

One night, he and his wife hid and saw two little elves making the shoes. They decided to thank the elves by making clothes for them. The elves were delighted with the gifts, dressed up, and danced away happily. They never returned, but the shoemaker's business always did well.

2. The Elves' Invitation

A hardworking servant girl found a letter from elves, inviting her to a christening. She went with the elves to their beautiful, tiny world. She was the baby's godmother and stayed for three days, which felt like magic. When she returned home, she found out that seven years had passed! She was richly rewarded by the elves but surprised to find everything changed.

3. The Changeling and the Laughing Elves

A mother's real child was taken by elves, leaving a strange changeling in its place. The changeling only ate and drank and never laughed. Following her neighbor's advice, the mother boiled water in eggshells. The changeling laughed, saying he'd never seen such a sight. At that moment, a group of elves brought back her real child and took the changeling away, restoring peace to her home.